

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Peter Martine on June 03, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1: A device used in connection with a network, said device comprising:

a communication unit ~~that configured to~~ communicates with a client via said network based on HTTP;

an identification unit ~~that configured to~~ inputs OS information representing an operating system installed in said client to identify a type of said operating system used in said client, said OS information being described in a User-Agent that is an environment variable in a HTTP request sent from said client;

a search unit ~~that configured to~~ searches a storage location on said network of device control software, which corresponds to said identified type of said operating system and controls said device, from a database in which specifications of operating systems and storage locations of device control software are recorded in association with each other, said database being stored in a predetermined server connected to said device via said network; and

an information unit ~~that configured to~~ informs said client of said searched storage location of said device control software.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRENDAN Y. HIGA whose telephone number is (571)272-5823. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess can be reached on (571)272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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